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WESTERN UNION WOULD FIGHT AN INVESTIGATION

To Prevent Further Consumption of Valuable Time
Resolution to "Probe" Laid on Table.

TALLAHASSEE, June 1.—The passage of a bill providing for certain changes of the primary election law was possibly the most important action taken by the House yesterday, outside of the failure of an effort to reconsider the vote whereby the Jacksonville charter bill was passed Saturday.

The House spent a busy day, though few bills were acted upon. The effort to call up the bill providing for repeal of a section of the statutes relating to the making and selling of pools at race tracks out of the committee's hands failed and it seems improbable that the measure will pass.

House resolution by Mr. Cash to allow the enrolling clerk such assistance during this last busy week as he shall see fit was passed.

House resolution by Mr. Hardee, stating that since the committee to investigate telegraph franks had never been appointed and that the W. U. T. and stated that they would fight any investigation of their files through the courts, and also pointed out one case in which Mr. Alexander had used a free telegram, he moved that this resolution be adopted. The gentleman accused stated that he had never used a complimentary frank on any telegraph, express, or railway company in his life and that any such accusation was false.

By motion of Mr. Calkins the resolution was laid upon the table, as Mr. Calkins said, to prevent further consumption of valuable time.

House Bill No. 764 was introduced by Epperson, to establish the town of Williston.

Senate Bill No. 63, Harris, to acquire and maintain a sanatorium for treatment of tuberculosis, was called up out of its regular order and passed.

Those Free Passes.

The report of the pass judiciary committee was made to the House. The report declared that since some of the salaried men who seemed to have used passes had denied receiving them, others that they had not used them when received, and others that they were for legitimate service, therefore the committee could take no responsibility of saying who broke the law and who did not, therefore no names were submitted to the House and the report of the committee was received and spread upon the journal, while the communications of denial and explanation were received but not spread upon the journal, thus ending in no man's name connected with passes being put upon the journal at any time.

The Primary Law.

House Bill No. 705, by Mr. Cash of

Taylor—An act to require certain sworn statements of campaign expenses from candidates in primary elections, making certain requirements in the form of ballots used in primary elections, requiring certain duties of inspectors in properly identifying persons to whom ballots are given in primary elections, providing for the absenting of employees from their work on primary election days, prohibiting candidates from making donations of things of value, prohibiting persons from distributing certain writing against any candidate in the primary on primary day, providing for compensation of inspectors of the primary in certain cases, prescribing for the violation of primary laws of this State by officials, electors and other persons, prohibiting the use or solicitation of money to influence primary elections, including payment of poll taxes; prohibiting tax collector from receiving poll taxes from persons other than the one owning it, and providing penalties for violation of the primary law by members of committees, inspectors and clerks of primary elections, and for the publication of this act.

The vote was finally taken and the bill passed, 48 to 17. An amendment placing "any" in place of "Democratic" party.

The measure is considered by many to be unconstitutional.

A Resignation.

A resignation as chairman of the committee on miscellaneous legislation was tendered and read to the House by Mr. Malone giving reasons that he and another member of the committee had failed to agree as to the proper disposition of the bill repealing a section of the statutes relating to the making and selling of pools at race tracks.

Motion by Mr. Taylor to take the bill from the hands of the committee was carried.

Motion by Mr. Stokes to take out of its regular order for second reading was lost, a two-thirds vote being necessary.

Also a motion by Mr. Carn for a special order for the bill today lost by the same vote.

The legislative expense bill being introduced by Mr. Chase, the House adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Thirty-five bills were passed to third reading by the Senate and fifteen were killed or withdrawn. This is a good day's work and kept the Senators busy through the entire forenoon and afternoon.

The Davis Bill, relating to the powers of the State Railway Commission, was among those acted upon.

The Wiggins bill for the protection

CUTTING AFFRAY AT PARADISE MONDAY

TWO NEGRO WOMEN ENGAGE
IN FREE FIGHT.

Warrants issued and Parties Arrested, But Trial Postponed Until
Next Friday.

Electric Peoples, a negro woman of Paradise, was arrested and brought here yesterday charged with seriously stabbing another colored woman by the name of Rachel Johnson, also a resident of Paradise.

It seems that the women both conduct restaurants or boarding-houses for the colored laborers of the mill and they became jealous over the boarders, with the result that they became involved in a general fight that terminated with the above occurrence.

Owing to the weak condition of the woman that was stabbed, the case could not be called Tuesday, but the witnesses have all been subpoenaed and the case will come up for hearing before Judge Mason on Friday, provided the injured woman is able to attend.

In the meantime Electric will spend the time behind the bars, as she was unable to give bond for her appearance.

It has been only a short while since these two women were engaged in a similar scrap, but it did not reach the climax of the present melee, for no razors or knives were used.

of the gopher was one of the less important.

Senator Beard introduced resolution setting hours of Senate at 10 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Adopted.

Among the bills considered on third reading were the following:

Senate Bill No. 323, committee substitute. Authorizing transfer of \$60,000 from board of health fund to the pension tax fund. To third reading.

Senate Bill No. 752, Henderson. Fixing hire of guards and bailiffs employed by sheriffs. Indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 386, Humphries. For relief of tax assessors of Dade, St. Lucie, Osceola, Lee and DeSoto out of general revenue fund. To third reading.

Senate Bill No. 272, Humphries—Reimbursing DeSoto county for expenses incurred in imprisonment of Isaiah E. Cooper. Indefinitely postponed.

House Bill No. 139, Wiggins of Escambia—To protect gophers. To third reading.

Senate Bill No. 431, Williams, by request—Protecting shad and sturgeon during spawning season. To third reading.

Senate Bill No. 306, Flournoy—Creating department of game and fish. To third reading.

Senate Bill No. 370, Johnson—Relating to supervisors of convicts. Indefinitely postponed.

Consideration of House Bill No. 606, Davis of Madison, relating to powers of railroad commissioner. To third reading.

No. 477, Flournoy, providing for inheritance tax. To third reading.

No. 481, Cook, providing that no fire insurance company's policy shall be voided by foreclosure proceedings. To third reading.

No. 136, Stokes of Escambia, relating to persons beating their way on railroad trains. To third reading.

No. 6, Carn of Marion, providing for investment by State Board of Education of principal of State school funds in certain obligation of counties. To third reading.

No. 216, Carter of Alachua, relating to challenge of jurors. To third reading.

No. 485, Buckman, making appropriation for payment of certain vouchers heretofore issued by Board of Control. To third reading.

BANNER TRUCKING YEAR IN GAINESVILLE SECTION

Micanopy Shipped First Car of Cantaloupes of Season, Which Netted Growers \$450.

The following notes are taken from the current issue of The New York Produce News:

The farmers of Micanopy, Evinston and McIntosh have just finished a banner year in cabbage, lettuce, egg plants and peppers, and are now harvesting their cantaloupes and watermelons. The first carload of cantaloupes was shipped by W. D. Bobbitt & Co. This left Micanopy Monday, May 25, and was consigned to New York, and netted the growers \$450. The cantaloupes in this section are particularly good. Most of the growers planted the Netted Rocks.

The watermelons are particularly good and are of large size and very sweet. They are as good as ever raised in this section. Carload shipments will not begin until next week, as growers are waiting until they are fully matured, and by so doing feel they will command a better price.

The cantaloupes are running to a nice size, the vines are healthy and strong and there will be an even yield to the acre from every farm. There are comparatively few buyers in this vicinity and many growers will market their crops direct. A few offers of \$225@250 per car for watermelons have been accepted by some of the growers. Buyers who get their melons from this vicinity can rest assured that they will get their money's worth, not only in melons, but in cantaloupes. The cantaloupes are bringing \$2@2.50 crate in less than carload lots. Some of the cantaloupe shippers at Micanopy are W. D. Bobbitt & Co. and Joe Smith. Some melon shippers are the Melton Lumber Co., H. R. Stokes, E. E. Slappy and B. E. Harris. Some of the watermelon shippers at Evinston are Shettleworth & Son, Smith Bros., Wood & Evans, and Means & Kennedy.

J. H. Schneider & Co. of New York have purchased a 14-acre tract one mile from Micanopy. A. U. Hillearly is the general manager and has personal supervision. This company is fitting up one of the most complete truck farms in the State, and by next year a large acreage will also be planted to cantaloupes and watermelons. At present they have 75 acres in vegetables.

Citizens have appointed a committee at their own expense to go to Tallahassee to secure the necessary legislation to have the Atlantic Coast Line straighten the track between Gainesville and Ocala, so that Micanopy will be on the main line. At present the railroad runs three miles to the east, where transfer has to be made from Evinston by carriage to Micanopy, or you can get into the town by a spur track, which is very poor service. No doubt the railroad will soon make this change, as it will save five miles of track, making

a straighter line and better service and faster time between Ocala and Gainesville, passing directly through Micanopy, and will also open up over a thousand acres of good vegetable land which, no doubt, would otherwise lie idle for years on account of no transportation.

If proper legislation is secured and 1,400 acres more of fine truck land are opened, Micanopy will be one of the leading shipping points in the State. Evinston and McIntosh are already large shipping points. From Evinston in the neighborhood of 300 acres of vegetables were shipped this season. There were 100 cars of cantaloupes shipped during the season. They average \$1.50 a crate. There are 150 cars of watermelons to be shipped from this point. From McIntosh, three miles south, during the season there were shipped 20 cars of cabbage, 47 of lettuce, 20 of beans, two of cucumbers, eight of tomatoes and five of miscellaneous vegetables. Five cars of the beans were shipped under refrigeration.

The freight and express charges from Micanopy, Evinston, McIntosh and Simonton are exorbitant. Taking any standard bushel, the freight from Micanopy to Cincinnati is 61c and to Atlanta, a great deal less haul, 67c. The express rate from Evinston to Greenville, S. C., is 90c on a crate of cucumbers, while they will carry the same crate to New York for 80c and to Cincinnati for 66c. J. B. Simonton, who lives here, says: "What a market we could have if the express and freight rates were proportionately arranged. You can take all the small towns in the Carolinas, and even in Georgia, where a large volume of our produce could be shipped, if prices to these points were not a great deal higher than they will carry the same stuff to New York, Philadelphia or Chicago. It practically knocks out all our business in good markets where they want and need the produce, because the grower can ship his produce to these large markets at about two-thirds the rate, and does not stop to figure the price that he gets for it, which is generally about one-third to one-half less than we could get in the small places if the produce was properly distributed and we had reasonable express and freight rates."

J. D. Price of McIntosh shipped two barrels of cucumbers to T. L. Falley of Chester, Pa. They sold for \$11 in Chester. Mr. Price's return after paying freight and commission was \$2.70. The growers in this section can send two crates of any kind of produce, except cantaloupes, to New York just as cheap in proportion as they can send a car, as there are no carload rates to the East, except on cantaloupes.

Governor Gilchrist Vetoes Schools Appropriation Bill

TALLAHASSEE, June 1.—Declaring the measure to be unconstitutional in his opinion, Governor Gilchrist has returned to the Senate with his veto, the Leggett bill, appropriating \$166,759.80 for the public schools of the State. The bill was for the purpose of relieving counties which paid out large amounts upon their schools in 1908 with the expectation of re-

ceiving State aid through 80 per cent attendance averages under the 1907 appropriations.

The Supreme Court knocked that bill out and left the counties in the hole. The present bill was prepared after weeks of investigation, and was believed to have worked around the objections raised by the court. The Governor, however, cites portions which he holds to be unconstitutional.

Changes in Personnel State Board of Control

TALLAHASSEE, June 1.—Governor Gilchrist has appointed Messrs. Francis P. Fleming, Jr., of Jacksonville, P. K. Yonge of Pensacola and W. D. Finlayson of Old Town to be members of the Board of Control, which has charge of the State's insti-

tutions for higher education, each for a four years' term, beginning June 28, 1909.

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.